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Report about the firing in Salem Jail.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state why the report of the Enquiry Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the Salem Jail Firing has not been published so far?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The findings of the Committee were adverse to the prisoners inasmuch as they held that the story that the prisoners were indiscriminately fired on while they were sitting or sleeping in their blocks was not true, that the prisoners first made an unprovoked attack on the jail staff and that there was justification for opening fire but for which the jailor would have been done to death. As a criminal case was then pending against some of the prisoners involved in the incident and publication might give rise to the complaint that it seriously prejudiced the trial of the case, the report was not published then. Later, the publication of the report was not taken up because of lapse of time. Government have no objection to publish the report now if desired by any section of the House."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Can we expect the publication of the report before the next session of the Assembly and will the Government pay compensation to the families of the prisoners? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The report will be published soon."

Salem Jail Shooting Enquiry Report.

* 314 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to publish the Salem Jail Shooting Enquiry Report?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes. Hon. Member is referred to answer given to Legislative Assembly question No. 313."

Distribution of anti-pest chemicals to ryots.

* 315 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member, Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Agricultural department collect the cost of chemicals sold as antidotes for agricultural pests to ryots whose crops have been affected by such pests ; and